THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The total stock of foodgrains with Food Corporation of India on 1.7 1986 was estimated at 19.37 million tonnes. Stocks are being utilized for the public distribution system, rural employment programmes, supplies at specially subsidized prices to the people in ITDP areas and tribal majority States/ Union Territories, nutrition programme for young children, pregnant women and nursing mothers, supplies to roller flour mills etc Export and open market sales have also been allowed on a limited scale.

(b) During 1985-86, a total quantity of about 9.68 lakh tonnes of foodgrains was supplied from the Central Pool for the National Rural Employment Programme/ Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme.

(c) About 53.26 lakh tonnes of wheat was supplied to roller flour mills during 1985-86.

(d) Information regarding wastage/ losses of foodgrains in storage during 1985-86 is not available, as the accounts for the year have not yet been finalized

Lottery advertisements

2249. SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 18 crore rupees were spent by the Central and State Governments during 1985-86 over lottery advertisements;

(b) the estimated amounts received and the saving made from the lotteries as a result of those advertisements; and

(c) the details of the investments made of the above savings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Radiation from Sriram Institution of Industrial Research Delhi

2250 SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to recent reports that radiation from the Sriram Institute of Industrial Research in Delhi has been posing a health hazard to the surrounding areas;

(b) if so, whether the necessary investigations have been made into the matter: and

(c) what are the details of remedial steps if any, being taken in arresting the radiation effects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An investigation has been carried out by experts from BARC in this regard. The investigations reveal that report of

radiatio posing health hazard to the surrounding areas are incorrect.

(c) Does not arise.

Sale of Smack in Delhi

2251. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Police and the Vigilance Department have levelled allegations and counter-allegations over the sale of smack in the city; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the steps taken by the Government in the matter to establish facts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does no arise.

Discontinuance of Intext Service of Doordarshan

2252. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Doordarshan's information Service project 'Intext' has virtually become a non-starter as there are no takers for the service;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of decoders imported for the purpose are gathering dust in the godowns of the Electronics Trade and Technological Development Corporation (ET&T);

(c) if so, what is the number of decoders imported, the cost thereof and the country from which imported;

(d) what is the number of decoders put to use in private and Government Offices; and

(e) whether Government propose to discontinue the Intext Service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir. The response to the service has, however, been less than what was anticipated.

(b) and (c) Due to non-availability of indigenous teletext decoders at the time of introduction of teletex service of Doordarshan, it was decided to import 10,500 set-top decoders with modification kits during November, 1985 through ET&T from M/s Sofrotev, a French Government undertaking at the landed cost of Rs. 2.64 crores approximately.

(d) So far, ET&T has sold 252 nos. of teletext decoders to various parties as listed in enclosed Statement. (See below) In addition out of 400 decoders received as a gift by Doordarshan from M/s Sofrotev, about 130 have been installed at various offices.

(e) No, Sir. Several steps have been taken to make the information content of the service more useful up-to-date and reliable. Some other steps are under implementation. Improvement in a service of this nature is a continuous process.